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In re the Application of:

Tadahiro OHMI et al.

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For: FLUID CONTROL APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700  
May 14, 1999

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 1999 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

~~Page 1, line 19, after "outlet" delete "," and substitute therefor ----.~~

~~Page 2, line 14, delete "controller" and substitute therefor --controllers--; line 17, delete "joint", both occurrences, and substitute therefor --joints--.~~

~~Page 6, line 10, delete "2-2", and substitute therefor --2-3--; line 11, delete "92," and substitute therefor --92 and--.~~

~~Page 11, line 11, insert as new paragraph,~~

~~The on-off valves 81 and 82 are two-part and three-part valves, respectively, as described in greater detail hereinafter.~~